

## Message Text

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PAGE 01 PEKING 01774 120449Z  
ACTION SS-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 /026 W  
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O 120406Z JUN 78  
FM USLO PEKING  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1042  
INFO AMCONSUL HONG KONG IMMEDIATE  
USMISSION GENEVA  
AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

S E C R E T PEKING 1774

EXDIS

E.O. 11652: XGDS-3,4  
TAGS: SREF, SHUM, CVIS, PINS, ET CH US UK HK  
SUBJ: ETHIOPIANS IN PEKING REQUESTING ASYLUM

REFS: A) HONG KONG 6839, B) STATE 138799

1. STUDENTS HAVE CONTACTED USLO SEVERAL TIMES IN LAST FEW DAYS TO INQUIRE WHETHER ANY DEFINITIVE WORD HAS BEEN RECEIVED. USLO OFFICER INDICATED THAT IT WAS STILL NECESSARY TO COMPLETE ROUTINE PROCESSING OF PERSONAL BIOGRAPHIC DATA THEY SUPPLIED.
2. HAS DEPARTMENT COMPLETED NAMECHECKS? IF NOT, IS IT POSSIBLE TO PROVIDE GUESS AS TO AMOUNT OF TIME STILL REQUIRED?
3. AS SOON AS NAMECHECKS ARE COMPLETED (ASSUMING NOTHING DEROGATORY IS FOUND), USLO PROPOSES TO DIRECT STUDENTS TO BRITISH EMBASSY PEKING TO ACQUIRE HONG KONG VISAS. WE ASSUME THAT STUDENTS WOULD PROCEED TO HONG KONG BY RAIL SHORTLY AFTERWARDS.  
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## Message Attributes

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